

BATTILING THE FLOOD.

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI STILL HOLD THEIR OWN.

The River Rising and Little Prospect that the levees will hold it—Much of Arkansas under Water—Great Damage Done and Loss to Banks.

NEW ORLEANS, March 14.—The wind veered to the north last night and blew the water away from the levees. It fell as rapidly as it rose, and by 3 o'clock the streets were dry again. About noon the levee again rose, and the water poured over the levee at the sugar landing, but not as badly as yesterday. At night there was another rise.

In the mean time several efforts were taken to protect New Orleans against the threatened danger. The City Council voted \$50,000 as an emergency fund, and the Commissioner of Public Works had a large force of men put to work on the levee to-day. The Northeastern, Illinois Central, and other railroads gave aid in the way of cars and men, and with their assistance, although the water rose over six inches above high water mark at certain points on the river front, but little flooding occurred.

The water was over the track of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad at the Girard street depot, but not sufficiently to prevent the running of trains. It was threatening, also, at the northern end of the city, but active work there prevented any injury.

A rough bad news continues to come from points, the sixteen miles of levee front of New Orleans are all well guarded night and day. It is not believed that a crevasse or break in the levee can occur. The worst point of danger is at Carrollton, where the levee is over fourteen feet high, and where a break would not only be damaging but dangerous to life.

It is thought, from present indications, that the river is liable to rise even higher than it did yesterday, up to seventeen and a half feet. This would be a foot over the levees, as they now stand, and would flood the city far worse than in 1880. It is not, however, yet too late to prevent it in time to prevent this. The river is still in the hands of the levee, and the city is still in the hands of the levee. The river is still in the hands of the levee, and the city is still in the hands of the levee.

This morning news came of a severe break near the convent, in St. James parish, on this side of the river, sixty-five miles above. This was the first break in the levee since the city. The break, however, is not sufficient to cause any damage to the city, and it is now conceded by all that there will be a considerable rise and every chance of more crevasses. A large number of sacks filled with dirt have been shipped to the plantations below, and the most earnest efforts will be made to hold the levee there. The river has been in the hands of the levee, and the city is still in the hands of the levee.

An appeal was made to the Governor to use a portion of the levee fund of the State, \$181,000, for the present emergency, but he has decided that this cannot be done.

A number of boats left here to-day with materials both for above and below. Boats have been warned by a gubernatorial proclamation against going near the shore, as the waves from them wash the levees.

About 9 o'clock to-night there was a good deal of water running through the cutters, and the sidewalks were covered with mud. The feeling here is as dismal as it can be. Small crevasses occurred on the sugar coast during the day, but they were closed or can be closed to-night. The only troublesome break now in Louisiana are on Bayou Lafourche and the one at Convent, the latter being 250 feet wide and the water running over the east bank several miles above.

Mayor Shakspeare received to-night a check for \$50,000 from the Louisiana Lottery Company, the money to be used as an emergency fund to raise the city levees and prevent the flooding of the city.

A despatch to the States from Convent says: "The Edwards and Central Valley Railroad, the Louisville, New Orleans and Texas Railroad, is at the break, three miles above this place, with a large force of men. The gap is about 100 feet wide and four feet deep. The levee is a small one and the railroad track is about a quarter of a mile back, over which the water is now about ten inches deep. Both the express and local trains are stopped. The upper side of the break, and this morning's up train is expected to return here to the city."

A despatch received to-night by the Mississippi Valley Railroad says the break was caused by a rice flume. The levee was new and four feet above the present water. Both ends of the break have been secured, and men are at work closing it. They will probably get it closed by to-morrow night.

CAIRO, March 14.—The river has fallen one-tenth of a foot since 8 o'clock this morning and now registers 43.3 feet. The width of the river at the mouth of the Ohio from dry land to dry land is estimated at about fifteen miles, and the vast body of water at present is slowly receding. Prominent danger is now at hand from the flood will be south of this point, and not affect Cairo to any extent. The levees here have been raised to fifty-five feet and the present flood will not have any effect upon them. The highest water known here was in 1883, when the river reached 52.2 feet.

JACKSON, March 14.—A line iron bridge, several hundred feet in length, over the Bayou Terre, Creek on the left bank of the river, between the Columbus Railroad, between Jackson and Hornum, was washed away by the flood last night. The bridge was built by the city, and it is the first bridge ever before known. The city toll bridge, an intricate and old bridge of the Alabama and Vicksburg Railroad, is due so far. It is still standing.

LOUISVILLE, March 14.—Passengers on the Louisville, New Orleans and Texas Railroad, on the train leaving New Orleans last night and arriving here to-day, reported that the water was several feet above the levee, and that the levee was in danger. The water was several feet above the levee, and that the levee was in danger.

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A STRAIGHT-OUT DEMOCRACY.

COMMISSIONER VOORHIS STARTS HIS NEW PARTY.

Going to Organize in Every District and to Hold a Public Meeting in a Forthright—No Deals to be Made with Republicans.

Police Commissioner John R. Voorhis is the father of a new political party that was born last night in the Sinclair House. His independent organization in Abolition square has been spread so rapidly that his friends who have either removed to Helena or the high lands, in some places the river is from five to seven miles wide.

The river rose one-tenth here to-day and is now 36.4 on the gauge, the highest point ever reached, and is still rising.

The St. Anne Emma Fibrebridge arrived at noon from Paducah, and after loading with lumber, sacks, and supplies, left for the threatened district below the Arkansas River in charge of Engineer Sears. The consensus of opinion here is that the levees on the Mississippi side will hold, but the levees on the Arkansas side are in a precarious position.

Vicksburg, March 13.—The steamer Ellen Mead, under charter to the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, arrived here to-day. Her master reports that the conditions are critical everywhere. At Willow Point, La., he found a camp of about 100 men, and an experienced river man, and believes that Louisiana will inevitably go under, even if the levees are held.

President Maxwell of the Louisiana Levee Board is in the city by material. He takes a pessimistic view of the situation, and believes that the levees are in a precarious position. He believes that the levees are in a precarious position, and that the levees are in a precarious position.

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THE "COWHIDE MEETING."

CHARGED BY A WATERSPOUT.

MR. VANARDELE AND MR. FAURE TELL THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ABOUT A RECENT EXPLOSION.

The public meeting of the committee of the Board of Education which for three weeks has privately investigated the allegations made by Trustees Thinsdale of the Ninth ward against Principal Southernland and Miss Isabelle F. Lewis, teacher of Grammar School 3, opened yesterday with a motion made by Mr. Guggenheimer that Miss Lewis and Mr. Southernland be removed from their positions.

Mr. Faure said that he had been told that the committee should first be made known to the Board of Education. Chairman O'Brien ruled this point well known, and the matter was dropped.

Then the committee voted to proceed with the general investigation of the methods of the Ninth ward trustees. There was a general flutter among the school teachers present. Miss Lewis, Principal Southernland, and his sympathizers were all there. Mr. Thinsdale was not there. He has resigned. Of the remaining four trustees there were present John P. Faure, Dr. L. J. McNamara, and W. J. Vanarsdale.

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Mr. Alexander rushed into the street and yelled "Police!" Detectives Lake and Von Gerichten of the Central Office caught the man and took him in handcuffs to the store, where he gave up Mr. Alexander's property. Then he was taken to the Fourth Police Court. He said his name was John Blatcock.

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